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SUBJECT: POSTERS IN PEKING, SHANGHAI, SOOCHOW

1. BESIDES STEPPED-UP POSTER CAMPAIGN IN PEKING CAMPUSES SINCE FEBRUARY 25/26 (EXTENSIVELY REPORTED BY AFP, REUTER AND OTHERS), WITH MANY POSTERS AT PEITA AND TSINGHUA NOW NAMING TENG HSIAO-PING, A FEW APPARENTLY RELATED POSTERS HAVE BEEN SIGHTED WITHIN THE LAST TWO OR THREE DAYS IN THE COMPOUNDS (CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS) OF SOME PEKING FACTORIES AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS. WHETHER THESE ALSO ATTACK TENG BY NAME IS UNCLEAR. IN ABOUT THE SAME PERIOD SLOGANS HAVE BEEN POSTED IN A FEW PUBLIC LOCATIONS IN AND AROUND PEKING, SUCH THINGS LIKE "OPPOSE TAKING THE THREE DIRECTIVES AS THE KEY LINK" AND "OPPOSE THE RIGHT DEVIATIONIST WIND." THE POSTING OF THESE SLOGANS DOES NOT APPEAR, THUS FAR, TO BE A CENTRALLY-DIRECTED EFFORT.

2. OUTWARDLY, THE PEKING POPULATION REMAINS CALM.

3. POSTERS IN SHANGHAI, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE OBSERVATIONS THE MIDDLE OF LAST WEEK, ARE CHIEFLY CONFINED TO CAMPUSES.

4. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY REPORTS THE SIGHTING AT A MAIN INTERSECTION IN SOOCHOW, ON FEBRUARY 26, OF A SLOGAN SAYING "THE SPARROW IN THE BUST--TENG HSIAO-PING." SPARROW IN THE
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BUSH REFERENCE IS FROM ONE OF THE 1965 MAO POEMS PUBLISHED ON

JANUARY 1 OF THIS YEAR; IT HAS BEEN MOST OFTEN INTERPRETED AS A
DIG AT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, BUT COULD ALSO BE DIRECTED AT
CHINESE "CAPITULATIONISTS."
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